

SENATOR HANNIBAL: There are no other speakers, Senator Wesely, would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Both Senator Coordsen and Senator Smith raised good issues. Trying to find the balancing act between flexibility and yet maintaining an adequate level of standard for nursing home administrators has been difficult and especially in the rural areas we have a concern. I pledge, and have been working with Senator Coordsen, to try and find a way to deal with this. But, at the same time, I also would want to pledge to Senator Smith that we certainly don't want to throw the baby out with the bath water. We do have fairly stiff standards, and we do want to maintain some quality in our nursing homes, and our administrators are the key to that. So we'll find a way to deal with this. Maybe we'll resolve it, maybe we won't, but we sure need to look at the issue and I'm willing to do that. But, at this point, this amendment needs to be adopted and the bill advanced so we can have the ability to act on this issue. So I would ask for adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely was closing on his amendment. The question before you now is the adoption of the Wesely amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The Wesely amendment has been adopted. We are back to the bill. Senator Wesely, there are no other lights on.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, I just move for the advancement of the bill, keeping in mind that we will be meeting and discussing some of these concerns tomorrow, I understand.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Shall we consider that your closing as well? Senator Wesely has closed on LB 693. The question before you now is the advancement of LB 693. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please vote, if you care to. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of 693.